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Aruba Hosptial's Calamity Team celebrates first lustrum with plans for security conference

ORANJESTAD -- The Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital together with the Calamity Team, better known as HVT, is organizing Aruba's first ever Safety and Security Conference to be held in conjunction with their first lustrum celebrations. The Conference is scheduled to take place on Oc-

tober 13 and 14 at the prestigious Renaissance Convention Center.

Since its inception in 2006 the Aruba Hospital has a Calamity Team ready to act in the event of any type of calamity. They are trained to help put out small fires, and can offer first aid. They are

also equipped to assist in the evacuation of patients and to provide guidance and instruction to persons in the hospital building during a dangerous or disaster situation. The members of the Team have been selected from different departments in the Hospital. The concept is



to have members available 24 hours a day 7 days a week on the hospital premises. All the members of the Calamity Team are professionally trained in the areas of prevention, repression and calamity situations.

In view of the fact that there is more and more attention being given to the need for the security of our organizations on Aruba, the Hospital took the initiative together with the Calamity Team to organize this upcoming security Conference. They have invited speakers from Curacao and the Netherlands as well as Aruban experts. The topics to be discussed are: security on the job and in public areas, the responsibility and obligations of a Calamity Team, and what it means to be a volunteer on a Calamity Team. Due emphasis

will be placed on how to plan an emergency operation in an organization and to coordinate this with the overall emergency plan of Aruba.

Hence, every one is encouraged to take advantage of this highly informative and important "Aruba's 1st Safety and Security Conference." Registration is \$100 if you register before September 30th. During the upcoming weeks the names of the different speakers will be announced to the public.

For more information, please visit the Hospital's website: www.arubahospital.com where you can download the registration form. Or, you may wish to call the Hospital and talk to Rachelle Roos or send an email to: r.roos@arubahospital.com.

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August deadliest month for US troops in Afghan war

WASHINGTON (AFP) - August has proved the deadliest month for US forces in Afghanistan since the war began nearly 10 years ago, with the death toll at 66 troops, according to the Pentagon.

The downing of a Chinook helicopter by insurgents in eastern Afghanistan, in which 30 troops died -- including a unit of elite Navy SEAL commandos -- accounted for almost half the total.

The death toll surpassed the previous record of 65 killed in July last year, according to De-

fense Department figures as of Wednesday.

Homemade bombs planted by insurgents remain the leading cause of death for US and other foreign troops, amid elaborate efforts by the NATO-led force to detect the improvised explosives.

Despite the deployment of US and NATO reinforcements, the insurgency in Afghanistan has grown every passing year since it was launched by the remnants of the Taliban in late 2001, after their regime was toppled in a US-led invasion.

About 10,000 US troops are due to leave Afghanistan this year, part of a gradual drawdown through the end of 2014.

US President Barack Obama said in June another 23,000 American troops would leave Afghanistan by the end of next summer, leaving behind a 65,000-strong force and effectively ending a surge of troops ordered in late 2009.

Fight goes on, says Kadhafi son: TV audio tape

NICOSIA (AFP) - Seif al-Islam, fugitive son of fallen Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi, said Wednesday in an audio tape on an Arabic-language channel that he was still in Tripoli and the fight against rebels goes on.

"I am talking to you from a suburb of Tripoli," he told the Damascus-based Al-Rai television station. "We want to reassure the Libyan people that we are still here. The resistance continues and victory is near."

Al-Rai 10 days ago broadcast messages from his father, after Libyan state television fell into rebel hands.

"Every Libyan is Moamer Kadhafi, every Libyan is Seif al-Islam... Wherever you find yourself face to face with the enemy, fight him," Seif al-Islam said in Wednesday's audio message.

His father is also on the run, but rebel leaders say they are sure he is still in Libya and that they are closing in on him.

East of Tripoli on Wednesday, rebels clashed sporadically with loyalists on the road from Zliten to Bani Walid, where the insurgents believe Kadhafi could be hiding.

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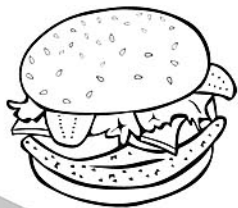
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Dia di Prensa-what is news reporting these days?



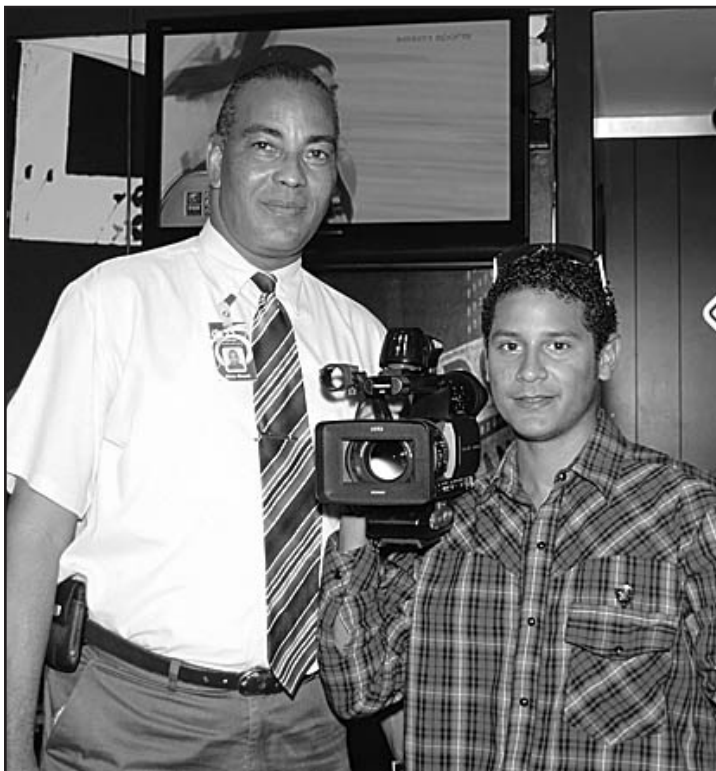
As their principal reporter, THE MORNING NEWS has asked me to comment on this day, September 1, our local occasion of Dia di Prensa, -Press Day-when many island concerns, including our government, give those working in the news media a pat on the back and show their appreciation for their dedication to keeping the public informed.

It is a very nice day for island media, who usually share a sense of camaraderie when gathered for press conferences and events. We may jostle each other for a spot to get our shot, but we also look towards our colleagues to make sure they got theirs' as well. At least, that is what I have experienced most of the time; I will not say there is never any competitiveness, but at least for me, I find it good natured.

These are times that would certainly make a media person reflective; our island has been

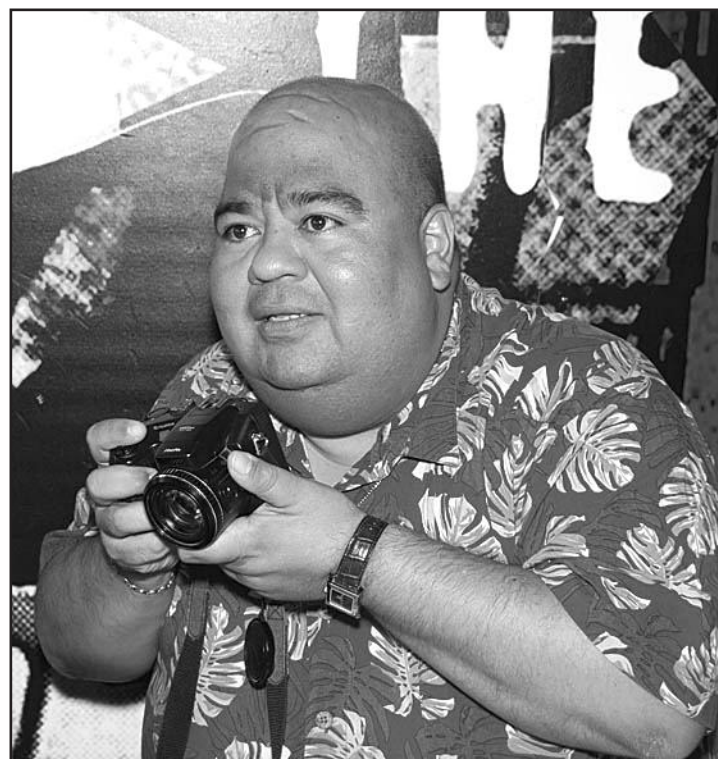
ing" on a story that has garnered a prime spot on major networks, because a "blond American beauty" has again gone missing on Aruba.

I will assume that everyone reading this is acquainted with the facts of the story; Robyn Gardner traveled to Aruba with Gary Giordino-both from Maryland. He claims she was swept out to sea while snorkeling; the police suspect otherwise and have detained him. Even as I write this, I am waiting along with all the other media to hear of the judge's decision to detain him longer while they investigate. I was



invaded by the "real" news people, who are again "report-

researching the state of affairs this morning, and was sorely



disturbed by what I saw being broadcast on U.S. television, and then the Internet.

There are reasons why Dutch law required confidentiality in an investigation; visiting media has managed to circumnavigate that policy so they can "scoop" each other, and information of witness statements is being leaked. What happened six years ago is happening again, the suspect is being tried and convicted in the Court of Public Opinion, as this makes for entertaining reporting...and that is the bottom line, is it not?

Never mind the flurry of misinformation... "We don't let truth stand in the way of a good story" I was informed by

one visiting newsperson when I corrected him on some statements made by what are supposed to be "legitimate" and "esteemed" reporters of international caliber, I sincerely hope he was joking; but the funniest jokes are the one's that are true at the core, are they not?

What concerns me and those living here is that the joke will be on Aruba and its people, which certainly do not deserve the derision I detect in some news commentators, and I am not talking about Nancy Grace, who makes a business of it, but again, prime network news people.

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In connection with the Day of the Press, RBTT Bank is sponsoring a local photography exposition, entitled "E Lens di mi Wowonan" (English; "The Lens of my Eyes"), dedicated to Django Simoons. The exposition comprises pictures of both the press at work and the most important events of the past year.

You are most welcome to visit the exposition which is held at Insight Art Studio, located at Paradera Park 215. The exposition can be visited during September and the entrance is free of charge. You can also call 566-4070 to make an appointment or to reserve a visit for groups or schools.

Once again, congratulations on the Day of the Press!

TOGETHER FORWARD



Dia di Prensa...

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One arrogantly confirms that the evidence at present would certainly be enough to continue detaining the suspect in the U.S...is she a judge-does she have an inside track to their analysis of the situation? In which state would this be? "But this is Aruba-so who can say what will happen?" was the second part of her comment, a direct shot at the island and its legal system, it seems to me.

On a day like Dia di Prensa, we in the media on Aruba consider our responsibility to the public to report the news, which, ideally, we can do in an interesting way. However, we are not supposed to be entertainers or dramatists, we are reporters getting and giving the facts. Hopefully, we are checking those facts before rushing to report and judgment; as history proves, many are most likely not.

This morning, our Prime Minister, Mike Eman, has invited island media to a brunch at Government House to say thank you and fete us for our efforts throughout the year. I am proud to have received that invitation and to call myself a member of the Aruban press corps, particularly being an eyewitness to the life on the island, and how it is being portrayed by those who have decided to tell a story, "without the truth getting in the way."

I extend my sincere congratulations and admiration to all my colleagues at THE MORNING NEWS and members of the press on their special day; Pabien!

By Rosalie Klein

Gary Giordano will remain in custody for another 60 days

ORANJESTAD -- At approximately 4:30 yesterday afternoon the Aruba Prosecutor's Office confirmed the judge's decision to retain Gary Giordano in custody for another 60 days. The hearing was conducted at the KIA and was closed to news media and bystanders.

Since appearing before the judge 16 days previously, witnesses have come forward, including one fisherman who claimed he saw Giordano walking around the vicinity of Baby Beach with

the missing Maryland woman Robyn Gardner, but reports they got in the car and drove away, which contradicts Giordano's claim they had been snorkeling and she was swept out to sea.

There has been speculation by Gardner's friends and family that she was not the sort of person to go snorkeling. It is reported blood was found on rocks near Nanki Beach where the couple supposedly entered the water; Giordano claimed Gardner cut her toe when

initially entering, but proceeded to snorkel anyway. The blood is being analyzed, but no results have been released as yet. The area is known for some treacherous outgoing currents. However, police report the waters were unusually calm on August 2, the day Gardner went missing.

Gardner was last seen alive at 4:00 PM. Giordano accosted people in the area at 6:23 PM to use their cell phone to call 911. A sea search of the entire coastline

nearly to Venezuela ensued for four days following the disappearance, and land teams explored sink holes nearby, but there was no sign of the missing woman.

An additional search was conducted on Monday, August 22 of the land area and coastline from Seroe Colorado to Vader Piet Windmill Farm, but this proved fruitless, and the Prosecutor's office has not scheduled any others.

Investigators now have 60 days to uncover sufficient ev-

idence of a crime before Giordano will again come before the judge to be released, or charged. The Prosecutor's Office requests that anyone with pertinent information regarding this case please contact them at tip-line 11141.

A separate phone line, 297-582-0695, has been opened in the U.S. for anyone with information to contact the Aruban police.

by Rosalie Klein



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Russia considering unmanned space station

RUSSIA -- (AFP) Russia's space agency Roskosmos is considering ending a permanent human presence in space, an agency official said Wednesday following last week's crash of a supply ship delivering precious cargo to the ISS.

"Perhaps in the future, we will not need a constant manned presence in the lower Earth orbit," Roskosmos deputy director Vitaly Davydov told journalists in Moscow.

"We don't exclude the possibility of returning to the concept of DOS (long-term orbital) stations that we had before stations with constant human presence," he said.

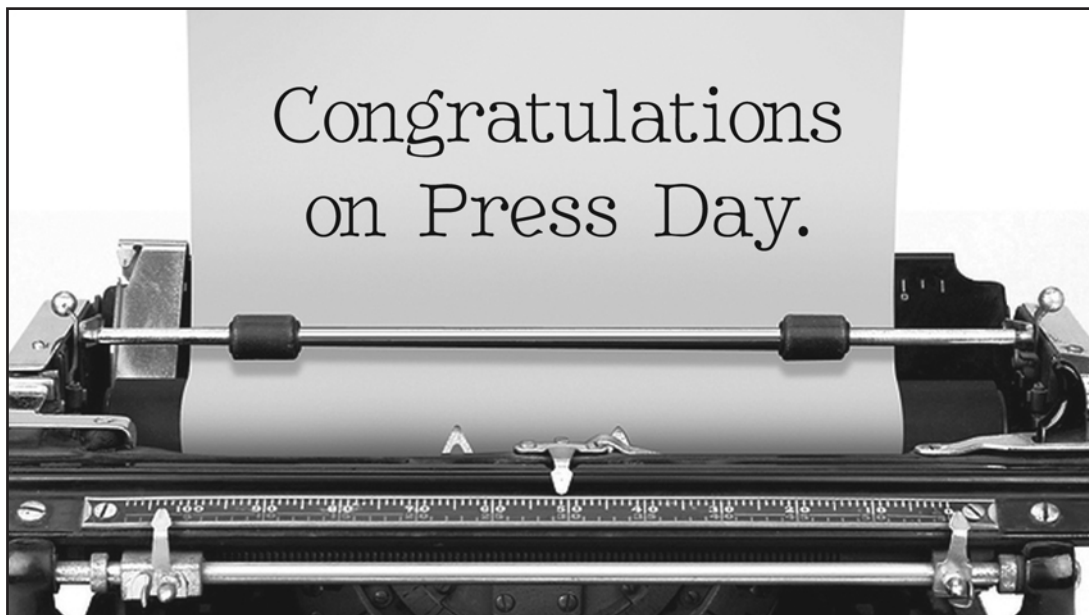
Soviet-era space station designs, which included the early Salyut station series, were not meant to constantly

house cosmonauts but instead served as a base for incoming missions.

Davydov's remarks came days after a failed launch left the International Space Station without a planned delivery of 2.9 tonnes of food, water, and fuel and delayed the next manned launch by at least a month.

Russia's space officials have for the first time warned that the current crew aboard the ISS could be evacuated, leaving the station, whose cost has been estimated at \$100 billion, unmanned.

Such prospects have alarmed NASA as "there is a bigger risk of losing the ISS if there are no astronauts on board," according to the agency's ISS program chief Mike Suffredini.



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Facebook turning up the music: Mashable

(AFP) -- Facebook is poised to pipe tunes into the world's largest online social network in an alliance with streaming

music services Rdio, MOG, and Spotify, technology blog Mashable said on Wednesday.

People will be able to listen to music at Facebook.com, which will serve as a media platform and leave the actual streaming of songs to partners, Mashable reported, citing unnamed sources familiar with the alliance.

"There's nothing new to announce," a Facebook spokesman said in an email response to an AFP inquiry.

"Many of the most popular music services around the world are integrated with Facebook and we're constantly talking to our partners about ways to improve these



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Plans for Facebook to become a platform for music and other media were expected to be announced at the social network's annual f8 conference for developers in late September.

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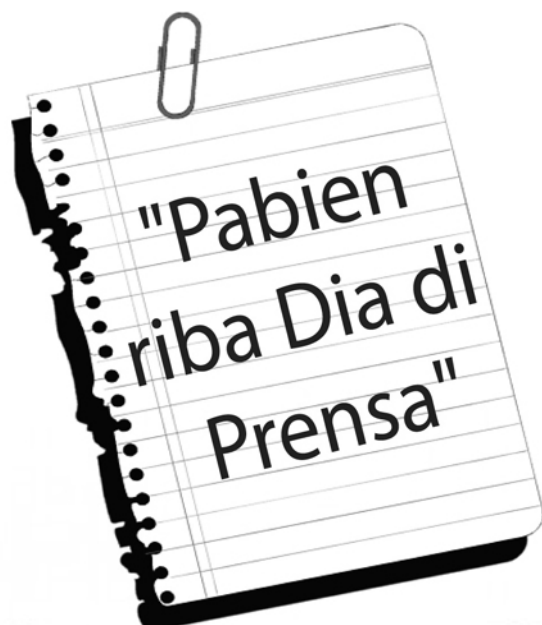
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- One cup of various vegetables per day meets their vegetable needs.
- One cup of fruits per day will satisfy their fruit servings.
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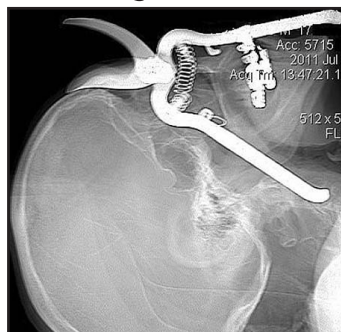
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**Health & Living****US man survives pruning shears in eye socket**

This image provide by the University Medical Center in Tucson shows the x-ray of Leroy Luetscher

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - An 86-year-old American has made a stunning recovery after a gardening accident left him with a pair of pruning shears impaled through an eye socket deep into his skull.

Leroy Luetscher lost his balance and fell face-down on the shears, which had landed point-end down in the ground when he dropped them at his

home in Green Valley, Arizona.

"It was excruciating. I just can't tell you how much it hurt. ...I thank my lucky stars that I'm here," he told a news conference at the University Medical Center in Tucson.

An X-ray released by the hospital shows the garden implement impaled through his right eye, with the handle stuck 6 inches (15 cm) down inside his skull.

But all that remains of the July 30 accident is some slight swelling of his upper and lower lids and minor double vision in the affected eye, said Dr. Lynn Polonski, one of the surgeons who operated on him.

"You just wonder how the handle of the pruning shears got there. The handle was actually resting on the external carotid artery in his neck,"

Polonski said.

"We decided we could safely remove the pruning shears. We are so happy that Mr. Luetscher did not lose his eye or any vital structures," said the doctor, a clinical assistant professor of ophthalmology.

Trauma surgeon Julie Wynne described how, after removing the shears, she and other doctors rebuilt the socket with metal mesh and saved the octogenarian's eye.

"You wouldn't believe your eyes ...Half of the pruning shears was sticking out and the other half was in his head," she said.

Luetscher's girlfriend Arpy Williams, who called 911 after the accident, said: "I was just shocked. There was blood all over ... I saw this instrument in his face, and I just said 'Leroy honey, what have you done?'"

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The set-up consists of four

stages which already started in July. It is the intention to start transmitting program on Widescreen (16:9 aspect), and Dolby 5.1. Surround audio system. PPV movies will be transmitted in a format that is destined to adjust to any size of screen of its clients.

Due to the fact that the TV channels are changing to widescreen and audio surround, DLA is forced to can-

cel some channels to make space available on the satellite signals. Thus, as of December 1, the PPV channels transmitted on 101 to 114 will now be now on channels 101 to 111.

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Prestigious Dutch Art Academy registration filling up with only 3 spaces left

Several weeks ago, The Morning News reported on the coming to Aruba of the prestigious Gerrit Rietveld Academy of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This Dutch institution is now ready to begin offering a preparatory course in Aruba. This prep course is to start this year for a duration of 30 weeks. The course is to guide and prepare students to move on to a formal study in visual arts and design.

Last week they conducted an orientation session with those who have registered. Coordinator for the preparatory course, Mrs. Karien Wielenga of Amsterdam, came to Aruba to personally conduct the orientation. Wielenga was pleasantly surprised and excited with what she witnessed and heard during the two days of registrations.

She observed that there is an enormous amount of talent and potential in those who attended the orientation. However, not all who registered were accepted into the first year program of the preparatory course. The Dutch Coordinator had a difficult time to select the students with talent, potential, passion and capacity to be admitted to the prestigious Gerrit Rietveld Academy. She expressed satisfaction for the group that was selected to begin the first year program here in Aruba. According to the Dutch Coordinator there are just 3 places still open for admission.



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Tens of thousands mark Muslim Eid in Tripoli

TRIPOLI (AFP) - Residents of Tripoli marked the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr on Wednesday, kneeling in prayer at the landmark Martyrs' Square as they rejoiced at the fall of Moamer Kadhafi's regime.

At dawn, tens of thousands of men, women and children poured into the square -- called Green Square under Kadhafi -- decked out in their holiday best, as women ululated in triumph and spontaneous cries of joy erupted.

Before kneeling for prayer, the crowd stood in unison, displaying victory signs, chanting "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) and praising the martyrs of the new Libyan revolution.

The imam's voice choked as he recited the words of the Koran holy book, while in the crowd many had tears running down their cheeks.

His sermon drew parallels between the entry of the rebels into Tripoli 10 days before and the conquest of Mecca by Islam's prophet Mohammed.

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British plane flying cash to Libya: official

LONDON (AFP) - A British plane flew \$212 million worth of Libyan banknotes to Libya on Wednesday after an assets freeze aimed at the then leader Moamer Kadhafi's regime was lifted, a British official said.

The notes, amounting to 280 million Libyan dinar, should be available to replenish cash machines and distributed to banks within hours of arriving in the country on a Royal Air Force plane, the official said.

The cash, which was printed in Britain, is the first part of 1.86 billion Libyan dinar which will be released to Libya.

The official said the cash delivery would be handed to Libya's Central Bank and should enable many public

sector workers to be paid over the Eid holiday to mark the end of the Ramadan fasting month.

The UN Security Council decided on Tuesday to allow Britain to release the money.

"These banknotes, which were frozen in the UK under UN sanctions, will help address urgent humanitarian needs, instill confidence in the banking sector, pay salaries of key public sector workers and free up liquidity in the economy," Foreign Secretary William Hague said.

Kadhafi's regime had ordered the cash from British printing firm De La Rue but Britain blocked its shipment in March as part of international moves to put pressure on the Libyan leader over his crack-down on protests.




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Mel Gibson to pay ex \$750,000 in custody deal

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Troubled actor and Oscar-winning director Mel Gibson will pay his ex-girlfriend \$750,000 in a deal which grants the former couple joint custody of their young daughter, a judge said Wednesday.

Details of the legal agreement between Gibson and Oksana Grigorieva were unveiled in the Los Angeles Superior Court, which announced last Friday that a deal had been struck.

Gibson, 55, who appeared subdued in court, will also give a house to their daughter Lucia in a settlement that ended years of public feuding between the estranged couple, said judge Peter D. Lichtman.

Grigorieva and 22-month-

old Lucia also will be allowed to live in the suburban Los Angeles home until Lucia's 18th birthday, with the sale of that house then to be part of the child's trust.

After the judge read details of the settlement, Gibson stood up and said, "I'd like to say thanks, your honor, for bringing this matter to a reasonable conclusion."

Grigorieva, a 40-year-old Russian musician, thanked the judge and promised to do, "what's best for Lucia."

Gibson, who won Best Picture and Best Director Oscars for "Braveheart" in 1996, avoided jail time in March this year when he decided not to appeal domestic violence charges made by Grigorieva in

2010.

He was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to attend a domestic violence counseling program.

Gibson's career has struggled since his 2006 arrest for drunk driving, which exploded into a major scandal because of anti-Semitic remarks he made to a highway patrol officer.

In that case, he was sentenced to three years probation and fined \$1,300, after undergoing alcohol rehabilitation.

Gibson won critical acclaim earlier this year for his performance in eccentric movie "The Beaver," about a depressed man who turns to a hand puppet to help get his life back on track.

Journalism Quotes

Everything you read in the newspapers is absolutely true, except for that rare story of which you happen to have first-hand knowledge.

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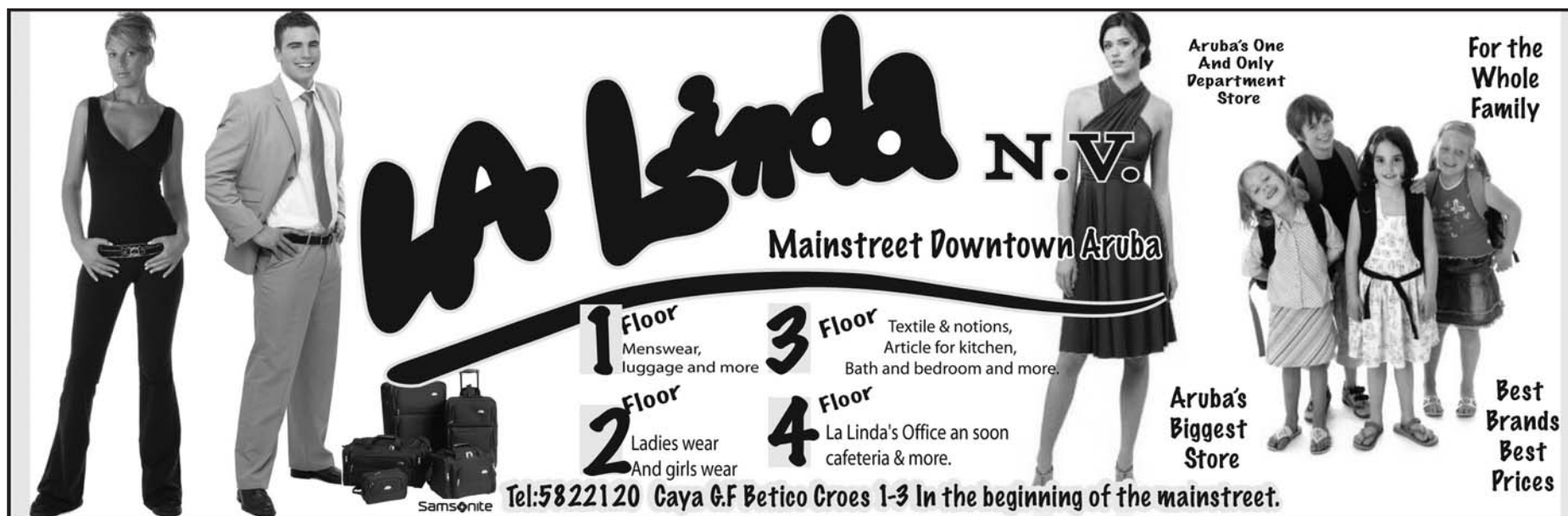
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Murray, Zvonareva advance, Venus withdraws

NEW YORK (AFP) - World number four Andy Murray got off to a slow start but booked his second-round berth at the US Open yesterday with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-3 victory over India's Somdev Devvarman.

Murray needed more than an hour to secure the first set against Devvarman, but needed little more than that to wrap up the next two sets and get his bid for a first Grand Slam title on track.

Since reaching the final here in 2008, Murray has failed to make the quarter-finals the past two years, a trend he's hoping to reverse.

After surrendering an early break in the opening set

Murray managed to force the tiebreaker and from there grind out the win.

In the meantime, the tournament lost two top players as two-time champion Venus Williams and men's sixth-seed Robin Soderling withdrew because of illness.

Williams, winner of back-to-back titles in 2000 and 2001, pulled out before her scheduled second-round match against Wimbledon semi-finalist Sabine Lisicki, and later issued a statement saying she had been diagnosed with the auto-immune disease Sjogren's Syndrome, "which affects my energy level and causes fatigue and joint pain."



Venus Williams

Williams had pulled out of two US Open tune-up events with what was called a viral illness.

Sweden's Soderling withdrew before his scheduled first-round match against Louk Sorensen.

Lucky loser Rogerio Dutra Da Silva took his place in the draw and defeated Sorensen when the Irish qualifier retired while trailing in their match.

Da Silva was up 6-0, 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 when Sorensen bowed out, becoming the second Irishman to call it quits early after ailing Conor Niland retired while trailing world number one Novak Djokovic on Tuesday.

Juan Martin del Potro made a triumphant return to Flushing Meadows, routing Italian Filippo Volandri 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 in his first US Open match since he lifted the 2009 trophy.

Del Potro, seeded 18th, was unable to defend his title last year as he recovered from a wrist injury that sidelined him from January to September of 2010.

This season the Argentinian has been steadily rebuilding his ranking, winning titles

at Delray Beach and Estoril and reaching the semi-finals in three other tournaments.

Second-seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva reached the third round with a 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 victory over 53rd-ranked Ukrainian Kateryna Bondarenko.

Zvonareva, beaten by Kim Clijsters in the final at Flushing Meadows last year, survived 46 unforced errors to claim the win.

After dropping the second set, she bore down to take a 4-1 lead and finally finished off the tenacious Bondarenko on her third match point.

"It was a good test for me," Zvonareva said. "I wouldn't say I'm pleased with the quality of tennis I showed, but I'm pleased the way I handled the match."

French Open semi-finalist Marion Bartoli was less fortunate, falling in straight sets to US teenager Christina McHale.

McHale, 19 and ranked 55th in the world, defeated the eighth seed from France 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, firing an ace past her on match point.

Third-seeded Russian Maria Sharapova was also seeking a third-round berth on Wednesday.

Sharapova, who clawed her way past British teenager Heather Watson to reach the second round, took on Anastasiya Yakimova of Belarus.

New York fans had plenty of home hopes to cheer for with eight American men in action.

They included Andy Roddick, who was to face compatriot Michael Russell for a second-round berth, and big-serving John Isner, who was to face Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis.

The two will be playing for the third time in four tournaments, with Baghdatis seeking to avenge recent defeats in Montreal and Winston-Salem.

In other early matches, France's Julien Benneteau ousted 10th-seeded Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the second round.

And China's Peng Shuai, the 13th seed, defeated Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria 6-2, 6-4 to set up a third-round match with Germany's Julia Goerges, who beat Spain's Laura Pous 6-3, 6-1.



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Carvalho turns his back on Portugal

LISBON (AFP) - Real Madrid centre-back Ricardo Carvalho announced on Wednesday that he was turning his back on the Portuguese national team after walking out of their training camp.

"I didn't intend to end my journey like this," explained Carvalho in a statement, where he complained of a "lack of respect" and said his "dignity had been hurt" but did not offer any further explanation.

"I'm just an athlete among my colleagues. However, like the others I also deserve consideration and respect," he added, in a text cited by Portuguese news agency Lusa.

Earlier in the day, the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) released a statement indicating that Carvalho had left the national team "without explaining the reasons either to the FPF or to the coach (Paulo Bento)."

The defender, named in the squad to face Cyprus in a Euro 2012 qualifier on Friday, "will not travel with the rest of the team to Nicosia," added the FPF.

Carvalho, 33, has 75 international caps.

He joined Real Madrid in August 2010 and reunited himself with coach Jose Mourinho, who he had already followed from Porto to Chelsea in 2004.

Klinsmann's US squad ready for Costa Rica test



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Former Germany coach Jurgen Klinsmann will seek his first victory as manager of the United States national team when the Americans play host to Costa Rica on Friday in a friendly.

Ten of the 21 players called up for a 1-1 draw against Mexico on August 10 in Klinsmann's debut will return for the US, including Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard and Rangers teammates Carlos Bocanegra and Maurice Edu.

"We are excited to get the group back together and to see some fresh new faces," Klinsmann said. "We will continue to get to know the players and gather some valuable information."

"Hopefully we can con-

tinue where we left off from the game against Mexico."

Robbie Rogers of the Columbus Crew, who scored against Mexico, and Brek Shea of FC Dallas are also back in the American line-up.

Los Angeles Galaxy star Landon Donovan will play for the Americans against Costa Rica on his club's home pitch but will not make

the trip to Europe to face Belgium in a friendly on Tuesday in Brussels.

The Americans will, however, gain Fulham playmaker Clint Dempsey for the Belgium match. He did not make the trip to Los Angeles from England because of back spasms but is set to be on the pitch next week.

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Woods 'honored' by Presidents Cup pick

(AFP) -- Former world number one Tiger Woods said Wednesday he's "honored" to be a captain's selection for the Presidents Cup.

Woods, speaking at a charity event hosted by his former college teammate and US PGA Tour colleague Notah Begay, nodded yes when asked if he thought his selection by US captain Fred Couples was merited.

"I haven't played," acknowledged Woods, who has played just eight USPGA Tour events this year thanks to injuries to his left knee and Achilles tendon.

"Fred iterated that he wanted me on the Presidents Cup team and he wanted me to play. He's the captain. It's his prerogative of who he picks."

"They wanted me on the team and I'm honored to be a part of the team. It's a wonderful mix of younger guys and older veterans. I also wanted to play and go ahead and test what I've been working on."

After hurting himself at the Masters, he missed both the US Open and British Open, then failed to make the cut at

the PGA Championship this month.

When he has played, Woods has been far from the dominant player who has captured 14 major titles. He failed to qualify for the

USPGA Tour's FedEx Cup playoffs.

Couples said he wanted Woods to play more before the Australian Open, which is a week before the Presidents Cup match-play event be-

tween the United States and an International team starts in Melbourne.

Woods has duly added the Frys.com Open in California, in the first week of October,

to his schedule.

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